

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 152

BY REPRESENTATIVE ANDERS

AGRI COMMODITY DEALER: Provides relative to cotton merchant licenses

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:3411.1(A), relative to the agricultural commodity dealer and
3 warehouse law; to provide for a cotton merchant license; to provide for license
4 renewal; to provide for fees; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 3:3411.1(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §3411.1. License required prior to engaging in business of buying or selling cotton;
8 security requirements; agent agreements

9 A.(1) Any cotton merchant who purchases or contracts to purchase, either
10 directly or through a cotton agent, cotton grown or to be grown in this state shall be
11 licensed by the commission before purchasing or contracting to purchase such
12 cotton. The license shall authorize cotton merchants and their cotton agents to
13 purchase or enter into contracts to purchase cotton grown or to be grown in this state.

14 (2)(a) Each license issued by the commission under this Section shall specify
15 on the face thereof that it is a cotton merchant license. A copy of the license shall
16 be posted by the licensee in all places of business.

17 (b) Each license issued by the commission shall be valid until June thirtieth
18 following the date of issue and shall be renewed on or before July first of each year.

19 (c) The fee for issuance and renewal of each license shall be two hundred
20 dollars.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for a cotton merchant license, annual renewal of the license, and fees for issuance and renewal of the license.

Present law requires a license for cotton merchants and their agents to purchase cotton grown in this state. Provides that applicants for the license shall furnish a \$50,000 bond under certain conditions or acceptable alternate security. Further provides that an examination and audit of records may be required. Additionally requires cotton agents to have a written notarized agency agreement with the cotton merchant.

Proposed law requires that the license specify on its face that it is a cotton merchant license and be posted in all places of business. Provides for a yearly license renewal between July 1 and June 30 at a cost of \$200. Otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 3:3411.1(A))